Increase in employment in IT sector

†3226. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons engaged in information technology industry from 1999-2000 to 2004-05 is estimated to have increased from 2,85,000 to 10 lakhs;

(b) if so, the fact thereof and the name of institute that made this estimate; and

(c) the extent of increase in employment in the above sector in comparison to the labour-force of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) As per NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) the manpower in IT and ITES (IT Enabled Services) industry has increased from 2,84,000 in 1999-2000 to 10,45,000 in 2004-05.

(c) The extent of percentage increase in employment in IT sector is as under:—

2001-02	33.97
2001-02	17.64
2002-03	22.05
2003-04	20.38
2004-05	19.47

The comparative increase in IT labour supply for the year 2004-05 is 8.5%.

Use of surplus land of VSNL

3227. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference of opinion between

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Govenrment of India and TATAs with regard to the use of surplus land available with VSNL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a new entity called 'hemisphere' has been created to use surplus land available with VSNL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A shell Company under the name of 'Hemisphere Properties India Limited' has been created by the Strategic Partner for management of surplus land after its demerger. They have incorporated the company with an authorized capital of Rs. 25 lacs, paid capital of Rs. 5 lacs and have appointed three Directors on its Board.

Suggestion/inputs from COAI

3228. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cellular Operators Association of India categorically denied the reports that they are opposing "India One Tariff Plan" proposed by the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the Government can think of setting up of an implementation Committee to facilitate the process of "India One Tariff Plan" smoothly and expeditiously;

(c) whether Government sought any inputs from the Cellular Operators Association of India as to how the facility could be introduced and whether Government have received any suggestions/inputs from COAI on "India One Tariff Plan";

(d) if so, the details thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) to (d) Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) in its letter dated 23rd August 2005 has welcomed the initiatives of the Government to examine the possibility of offering more affordable services to Indian consumers by considering the India One Tariff for telecom.